

Docket No.: 60213(50211)  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Michael Shane Croft et al.

Application No.: 10/773,081

Filed: February 4, 2004

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MINIMIZING  
THE RISK OF LEASING TRUCKS

Confirmation No.: 6035

Art Unit: N/A

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

MS Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted, mailed May 7, 2004, the period for responding thereto having been extended to the present by payment of the Petition Fee, Applicant respectfully submits a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, the Filing Fee for the Application (as shown on accompanying Fee Transmittal), Formal Drawings (4 figures, 4 pages), Request for Extension of Time and Part 2 Copy of Notice.

Our check in the amount of \$925.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e), the filing fee and the Extension of Time Request (3 months) for the subject application is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in

this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 60213(50211). A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

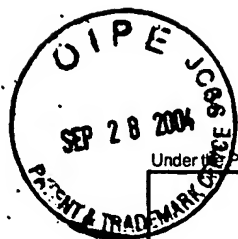
Dated: September 28, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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**TRANSMITTAL  
FORM***(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)*

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	10/773,081-Conf. #6035
	Filing Date	February 4, 2004
	First Named Inventor	Michael Shane Croft
	Art Unit	N/A
	Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
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**ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) 4 sheets	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (signed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
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<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	Filing Fee for the Application (as shown on accompanying Fee Transmittal)
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)		Part 2 Copy of Notice
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	Remarks Request	Return Receipt Postcard
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

Firm or Individual name	EDWARDS & ANGELL, LLP Howard M. Gitten - 32,138
Signature	
Date	September 28, 2004

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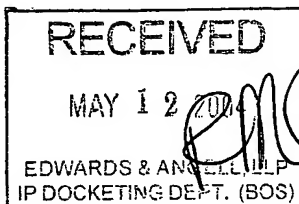


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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

02 FC:2001 385.00 OP  
03 FC:2051 65.00 OP

Filing Date Granted

NOTED ON SYSTEM

**Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings must be made on paper that has a white background (see 37 CFR 1.84 (e)). For example, drawings on graph paper, lined paper, or paper that has a non-white background are not acceptable. See Figure(s) 1,2,4.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$900 for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.

MISSING PARTS

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- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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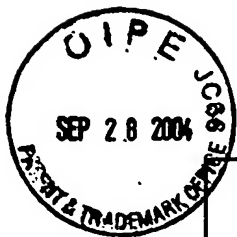
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*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
for FY 2004**

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 925.00**Complete if Known**

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None☐ Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number

04-1105

Deposit Account Name

Edwards &amp; Angell, LLP

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Credit any overpayments☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	385.00
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

**SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)** 385.00**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

	Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	12	-20** =		0.00
Independent Claims	2	-3** =		0.00
Multiple Dependent				

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)** 0.00

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	65.00
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	475.00
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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**SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)** 540.00**SUBMITTED BY**

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